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<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER <b>171US1</b> U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if any) see 37 CFR 1.8(a) <b>10/594357</b>
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. <b>PCT/GB2005/001161</b>	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE <b>March 24, 2005</b>	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED <b>March 26, 2004</b>
TITLE OF INVENTION <b>PROSTHETIC SPINAL DISC</b>		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US <b>Alan McLeod et al.</b>		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
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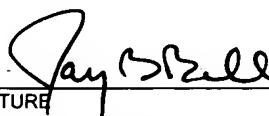
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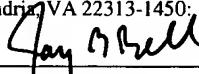
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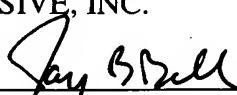
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